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Rep. Green: DOT to Install Additional Warning Signs, Repave Hazardous Seymour Roadway



State Rep. Len Greene, R-Beacon Falls, said the state Department of Transportation (DOT) plans to address a hazardous section of Route 313 between Route 115 and Clinton Rd. The section has posed safety concerns for area residents, several of whom contacted Rep. Greene.

The DOT conducted a review of roadway alignment, vehicular speeds, accident history and signing. From January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2004 there were a total of 99 accidents along this two-mile section of Route 313.

In 2004, the DOT replaced many of the warning signs between Warren Avenue and Haddad Road with florescent yellow signs to improve motorists' recognition of the approaching roadway conditions. Additional florescent yellow signs, including those warning signs to alert motorists of the roadway grades and slippery when wet conditions are expected to be installed east of Haddad Road by the end of 2005 to supplement existing signs.

In addition, the DOT plans to overlay new pavement on this section of Route 313 during late summer 2006. The new pavement is expected to improve traction and limit the potential for wet pavement accidents. The DOT's review found that majority of collisions in this area occurred on wet pavement.

"I'm pleased the DOT did such a thorough review of the roadway," said Rep. Greene, who serves on the Legislature's Public Safety Committee. "Understandably, people who live in this area have very serious safety concerns. I'm hopeful that the additional signs and resurfacing will help reduce the number of accidents."

Representative Greene represents Ansonia, Beacon Falls and Seymour.